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RE: U.S. Patent Appln. Ser. No. 09/624,670
Title: ELONGASE GENES AND USES THEREOF
Our Ref.: 6407.US.P2

MESSAGE:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above are the following:

- 1) Transmittal letter, in duplicate (1 page); and
- 2) Third Supplemental Amendment Filed Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (13 pages).

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In response to the Office Action of June 18, 2003, the
Advisory Action of October 9, 2003 and the Advisory Action
of February 24, 2004, and further to the Supplemental
Amendment of January 16, 2004 and Second Supplemental
Amendment of February 11, 2004, please amend the subject
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Remarks/Arguments being on page 11 of this paper.